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DAILY AL-BILAD AUG 22 CARRIES DENIAL BROADCAST RADIO MECCA AUG 21 OF "PARIS RADIO AND THE AMERICAN UPI" CIRCULATED NEWS ITEM BY A CORRESPONDENT "FROM AN AMERICAN BROADCASTING STATION" IN CAIRO WHICH STATED THAT CROWN PRINCE FAISAL HAD REQUESTED AT HIS RECENT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NASSER SAUDI ARABIA BE ALLOWED JOIN UAR BUT THAT NASSER REFUSED SAYING ARAB STATE WHICH CONTAINS FOREIGN MILITARY BASES CANNOT JOIN UAR. DENIAL SAYS CORRESPONDENT OF SAUDI BROADCASTING AT TAIF CONTACTED "HIGH AUTHORITY" WHO DECLARED THIS REPORT FALSE. OFFICIAL AUTHORITY STATED DISCUSSIONS DID NOT COVER ANY SUCH MATTERS AND WERE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO INTERESTS OF ARAB NATION IN GENERAL AND ESPECIALLY TO INTERESTS OF THE TWO BROTHER COUNTRIES AS MENTIONED IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED IN CAIRO MEETING. SPOKESMAN ADDED SAG DOES NOT HAVE ANY FOREIGN BASES AND IS NOT TIED TO ANY FOREIGN STATE BY ANY AGREEMENT WHICH MAKES IT DEPENDENT OR SATELLITE TO FOREIGN STATE. OFFICIAL SOURCE SAID THAT AS PREVIOUSLY STATED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, THERE ARE NO SECRET AGREEMENTS OF ANY KIND FOR ANY PURPOSE BETWEEN SAG AND US; THERE ARE ONLY PUBLIC AGREEMENTS THE TEXTS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED AND THEY ARE ALL FREE OF ANY MENTION OR HINT OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES.

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